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OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations to open new post offices at various locations in Gujarat including in Rajkot District;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new post offices set up in Gujarat especially in Rajkot district during the last three years, the category-wise and location-wise;

(d) the categories of post offices closed down during the last three years, district-wise and the reasons therefor;

(e) the criteria adopted for opening new post offices and closing down existing working post offices;

(f) the action taken by the Government to open new post offices in Gujarat especially in Rajkot District; and

(g) the time by which these post offices are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details of representations received to open new post offices at various locations in the State of Gujarat during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given in Annexure 'A'.

(c) The number of new post offices set up in Gujarat especially in Rajkot District during the years 2002- 03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 category-wise and location-wise are given in Annexure B, C and D respectively.

(d) The details of post offices closed down during the last three years district-wise and category-wise with reasons therefor are given below:

(i) 2002-03: 01

(ii) 2003-04: NIL

(iii) 2004-05: NIL.
Electronic Estate Departmental Sub Post Office in Gandhinagar District was closed down during the year 2002-03 as it was a non returnable contribution post office running at a loss.

(e) The norms for opening of new post offices are given in Annexure-E.

The directives in the tenth plan, inter-alia, require the Department to rationalize the network and optimize resources in order to increase access to postal services, while attempting to achieve financial self sufficiency. As such, post offices which do not fulfill the prescribed distance norm are relocated at places which fulfill the Departmental norms.

(f) & (g) There is no justified proposal for opening of post offices in Gujarat. Post offices are opened subject to fulfillment of distance, population and income norms. This is an ongoing process. Hence, no time limit can be prescribed for opening of new post offices in Gujarat especially in Rajkot District.

Annexure A

THE DETAILS OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED TO OPEN NEW POST OFFICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF GUJARAT

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Sl.No Name of post offices  Name of District Date of
        opening
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1	Sachine GIDC Departmental Sub Post Office	Surat	1-12-2004
2	GIPCL Township Departmental Sub Post Office	Surat	25-2-2005
3	Dantia Extra Departmental Branch Post office	Panchmahal	25-2-2005
4	Dharadungar Extra Departmental Branch Post office	Panchmahal	10-5-2005
5	Adani Port area Extra Departmental Branch Post office	Bhuj	1-6-2004
6	Ganeshnagar area Departmental Sub Post Office	Bhuj	31-7-2004
7	Bharatnagar Town Sub Post Office	Bhavnagar	13-9-2004
8	Nandgram Extra Departmental Branch Post Office	Bhuj	13-9-2004
9	Ultra Tech Cemco Ltd. GCW Amreli Departmental Sub Post Office		5-10-2004

Note: No representation was received for opening of post offices in Rajkot district.

Annexure B

The number of new post offices set up in Gujarat during the Year 2002-03, the category-wise and location-wise

Sl.No.	Name of post offices	Name of District
1	Babada Branch Post Office	Bharuch
2	Nandapor Branch Post Office	Surat
3	Miyapur Branch Post office	Surat
4	Umarkai Branch Post office	Surat
5	Fulpura Branch Post office	Panchmahal
6	Jafarpura Branch Post office	Panchmahal
7	Singhpur Branch Post office	Panchmahal
8	Pipodra Branch Post Office	Panchmahal
9	Jaban Branch Post Office	Panchmahal
10	Fatepur Branch Post office	Vadodara
11	Khandali Branch Post office	Valsad
12	Nani Vankal Branch Post Office	Valsad
13	Panchh Branch Post Office	Banaskantha
14	Vasana Branch Post ` Office	Sabarkantha
15	Vankada Branch Post Office	Sabarkantha

Note: No Post office was found justified for opening in Rajkot district as per Departmental norms.

Annexure C

The number of new post offices set up in Gujarat during the Year 2003-04, the category-wise and location-wise

Sl.No.	Name of post offices	Name of District
1	Dhingalwada Branch Post Office	Panchmahal
2	Taravadia Vaja Branch	Panchmahal

	Post Office	
3	Divsi Branch Post Office	Valsad
4	Samaravaruj Branch Post Office	Valsad
5	Ghodavani Branch Post Office	Navsari
6	Pansar Branch Post Office	Bharuch
7	Segvasimli Branch Post Office	Vadodara
8	Sadadvel Branch Post Office	Surat
9	Balundra Branch Post Office	Sabarkantha
10	Dadar Sub Post Office	Valsad

> Note: No Post office was found justified for opening in Rajkot district as per Departmental norms.

Annexure D

The number of new post offices set up in Gujarat during the Year 2004-05, the category-wise and location-wise

Sl.No.	Name of post offices	Name of District
1	Sachine GIDC Sub Post Office	Surat
2	GIPCL Township Sub Post Office	Surat
3	Dantia Extra Departmental Branch Post Office	Panchamahal
4	Adani Port area Branch Post Office	Kutchh
5	Ganeshnagar area Sub Post Office	Kutchh
6	Bharatnagar area Town Sub Post Office	Bhavnagar
7	Nandgram Branch Post Office	Kutchh
8	Ultra Tech Cemco Ltd. GCW Departmental Sub Post Office	Amreli

Note: No Post office was found justified for opening in Rajkot district as per Departmental norms.

ANNEXURE-E

NORMS FOR OPENING POST OFFICES

1. Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices:

1.1 Population:

(a) In Normal Areas:
3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO village)

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:
500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 Distance:

(a) In Normal Areas:
The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:
The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) In Normal Areas:
The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3% of the cost.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:
The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

It is further to be ensured that as a result of the opening of a new post office, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increase beyond the permissible limit nor is its income reduced below the minimum prescribed.

2. Criteria for upgrading/opening Departmental Sub Post Offices:

(a) In Rural Areas:
The minimum workload of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal Rural areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

It is further to be ensured that as a result of the opening of a new post office, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increase beyond the permissible limit nor is its income reduced below the minimum prescribed.

(b) In Urban Areas:
In Urban areas, the post office should initially be self supporting, and, at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 Kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above, and 2 Kms. in other Urban areas. No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5Kms. for each other.

Heads of Circle have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

A delivery Post Office in Urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmen`s beats.